

DEPARTMENT OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION
Division of Special Education
Special Purpose Funds – FY 04 Summary
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This report summarizes payments made during the 2003-04 school year for each of the special purpose funds available to assist districts with the cost of special education for students meeting the specific criteria associated with the fund. The following information will assist the reader with the interpretation of the report.

CD Code: County/District Code
SDSF: Severe Disabilities Services Fund
SIF: Sensory Impaired Fund
ECF: Extraordinary Cost Fund

The data under SDSF, SIF and ECF report the number of eligible students and the amount paid to the district in FY 04 for services provided in FY 03. The amount paid represents 85% of the approved amount submitted by the district.

SDSF pays the excess cost associated with the in-district education of students meeting eligibility associated with severe/profound mental retardation. Student eligibility is determined through a file review by the State Schools for the Severely Handicapped. Special school districts are excluded from applying for this fund.

SIF pays costs associated with the education of students who are deaf, blind or both deaf and blind. These students cannot be served at Missouri School for the Blind or School for the Deaf. Districts may serve the students in programs provided by the local district, another public school districts or through contracted arrangement with an approved private agency. In order for the district to receive payment under this fund, the costs associated with the student's education must exceed four (4) times the average cost per pupil in the district.

ECF pays costs associated with the education of students whose services exceed five (5) times the average cost per pupil in the district. Specific disability qualifications are not required for this fund; however, students meeting eligibility for any other fund are not eligible for this fund. Districts may serve the students in programs provided by the local district, another public school districts or through contracted arrangement with an approved private agency. Payments are made at 85% of approvable costs under \$100,000 and 100% of costs over \$100,000.

NOTE: Districts displayed in uppercase and bold print received reimbursement from all three funds (SDSF, SIF, ECF) in FY 04.